REMARKS

This paper is in response to the final Office Action mailed on August 31, 2005. Claims 1-25, 27-35, and 38-46 are pending in the application. Of these, Claims 17-25, 27-35, and 38-46 have been allowed. Claims 1-16 have been examined and stand rejected. Entry of this amendment and allowance of Claims 1-16 is respectfully requested.

Examiner's Interview

Applicants conducted an interview with Examiner Cranson on October 5, 2005, to discuss the meaning of Claims 1 and 10. Applicants and the Examiner agreed to the amendment as shown herein.

The Rejection of Claims 1-7, 9-14, and 16 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-7, 9-14, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Design Patent No. 308,422 to Sasamura.

The Examiner states that Sasamura discloses the top surface starts as parallel or substantially parallel and then begins to curve. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 10 to recite that the top surface now extends aft of a top edge of the front section to a back surface of the headlight housing. For a reference to be anticipatory, the reference must exactly describe the claimed invention. Because Sasamura does not describe "a top surface extending aft of a top edge of the front section to a back surface of the headlight housing" is adapted to be oriented substantially parallel with the ground surface as recited in Claim 1 or is located substantially perpendicular to a plane containing the front section as recited in Claim 10, the reference is not anticipatory.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-7, 9-14, and 16.

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The Rejection of Claims 8 and 15 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 8 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Design Patent No. 308,422.

Claims 8 and 15 are dependent from Claims 1 and 10, respectively. Applicants submit that Claims 8 and 15 are allowable in view of the amendment to Claims 1 and 10.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 8 and 15.

Allowable Subject Matter

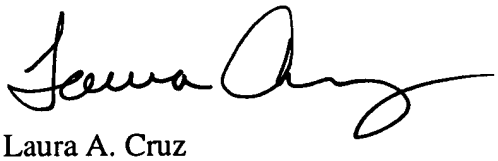
Applicants note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner of allowable subject matter contained in Claims 17-25, 27-35 and 38-46.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment, applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may contact the applicants' attorney at the number provided below.

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